

2025-2026 Federation Music Plan

The purpose of this template is to support schools in thinking about, developing and delivering a strong music offer to pupils, taking into account the Dfe guidance on delivery as well as the new National Plan for Music Education.

It is recommended that schools should incorporate this into a format that works best for the normal monitoring and planning processes run by the school. However, the main headings contained below should all be considered in this process.

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Area Covered	Current Provision Questions	Comment	Who is responsible (Name of lead)	Areas to develop (Identify areas to improve on)	Resources required (What is required to make the improvements?)
Curriculum	How is music delivered across the school?	Clear progression maps and planning based on model curriculum Delivered by class teachers	SR	Subject knowledge of staff Pedagogy of teaching music	Explore schemes of work, specialist teachers
	 What Scheme of Work is used? 	None – individually designed by school	SR	Explore schemes and options	Financial cost
	 Are we fulfilling the requirements for 1 hour per week at every Key Stage? 	Yes	SR	None	
	 Is singing embedded in the curriculum, across all Key Stages? 	Yes in plans, young voices, services, hymns and assembly	SR	To develop a choir	Willing staff member Specialist teacher

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	How is progress/attainment tracked and recorded?	Assessment tracker	SR	To look at what constitutes GDS Pushing more able musicians	
	 How is progress/attainment reported on to both parents and pupils? 	Shared as part of ELG. Not currently share with parents of KS1/2.	Class teachers	Include on annual report to parents	
	How are attainment targets set?	Planning identifies national curriculum	Class teachers / music lead		
Whole Class Ensemble Tuition	 If accessed, where does it fit within the curriculum i.e. which year group accesses it? 	N/A	Music subject lead	Explore opportunities for specialist music tuition that includes whole class ensemble – Richard Sheperd music foundation	Funding - parents associations, grant funding etc
	 Are instruments available for private practice at home? 	Recorders are available.			
	 Is the learning supported and extended during the programme, e.g. related lunchtime clubs? 	After school / lunchtime choir club in place in preparation for young voices	Music lead	Specialist clubs to be explored through Richard Sheperd foundation	Pupil premium for FSM children and paid for by parents
	 How many children continue to learn after the first year of whole class activity? 	N/A			

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	How is it paid for? (any risks/challenges for continued access?)				
	How does the school promote continuation after the first year? e.g. use of pupil premium, access to small group/large group or individual lessons.	N/A	Music lead and pupil premium lead	Explore opportunities for FSM children	Pupil premium funding, music hub support
	How is progression tracked?	Through assessment	Class teachers		Not applicable

Resources

	•	What instruments are available for classroom use?	Glockenspiels / percussion / keyboard	Music lead responsible for regular audits	What instruments do you need? Stringed instruments Drums Tuned Storage	How will you get them? Grant funding / PTA / loaning
	•	Are there a range of tuned and untuned?	Not a range but some tuned glockenspiels, recorders, one violin, small range of percussion		Audit provision to ascertain gaps	Audit provision to ascertain gaps
	•	How are instruments maintained?	Visual inspections during audits	Music Lead		
	•	Do you hire instruments from your Music Hub?	No	Music lead	Look into this opportunity for our schools	PTA funding
	•	What budget do you have to develop your stock?	None	Music lead	Look into funding streams	PTA funding / grant funding
	•	How do you prioritise what you buy?	N/A	Music lead	Audit current resources and seek music hub support	Music hub guidance and looking at funding streams
	•	Are adapted instruments available for children with disabilities?	No	Music lead	Look at OT advice for children with disabilities	PTA funding / school budget allocation
Technology	•	Do you have access to Music Technology in the classroom?	Yes – scratch and garageband in computing	CY	Pointer - Identify areas where technology can benefit delivery?	Pointer - What do you need that will benefit the curriculum?

				Pupil engagement and preparing for the modern world	
	• If so, how is it used?	In the computing curriculum		Pointer - What platforms do you need to use? See above	Pointer - What do you need to be able to get it? See above
	 What is the impact of using technology? 	Pupil engagement, improved use of technology	SR		
Opportunities to experience live music performance	 How often children hear live music? (e.g. by other children, teachers, amateur adults, professionals) 	Visitors such as North Yorkshire music hub, African drumming, Swinton band, young voices, teacher playing the guitar	SR	Look for a full genre of live music opportunities	Review curriculum map to include live opportunities
	Who provides this?	See above	SR		Fund raising
	How is it funded?	School budget			

Progression

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Developing Pupils	How pupils are	Visit from North	SR / SENCO	Explore Richard Sheperd	
	encouraged to learn music	Yorkshire music hub		Foundation	
	beyond the classroom	Music therapy for			
		individuals, Young			
		voices			

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	How the school understands and responds to their musical interests	Opportunities to play at events	SR	Research opportunities	
	 How does the school respond to the needs and ambitions of pupils identified as more able in Music? 	North Yorkshire Music Hub Lessons	SR	Research opportunities	
	 How does the school support the needs of pupils who benefit from music? e.g. socially and emotionally 	Music therapy sessions for individuals	Senco LAC	Explore further opportunities	Funding
	 How are gaps in teachers' and other staff's knowledge identified to better help them support pupils' musical ambitions? 		SR	Area for development	Funding
Progression opportunities	 Are you aware of the local opportunities the school signposts to its pupils (e.g. ensembles run by the music service, community groups etc)? 	Brass band at Swinton Rocksteady Signposting to local events	Music lead	Pointer- Identify gaps in knowledge? Explore further opportunities	Pointer - What you need to close those gaps? Knowledge of opportunities

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	How does the school liaise with feeder schools or (if primary) the local secondary school to support transition between Yr6/7?	They visit to do a musical for the children No opportunity for transition discussions beyond transfer of SATS results Share if children are exceptional musicians or have a keen interest	Music lead	Exploring with secondary school further links involving music	
Strategy development	 How this strategy is monitored and by whom 	Reviewed by SLT	SLT		
	 How and when this strategy will be reviewed and by whom (will this include SLT and/or Governors?) 	SLT / music lead and governors	SLT		
	 How you will look in future to align the school's strategy to the Hub's Progression Strategy 	Continue to review and seek advice			

Extra-curricular and Co-curricular Music

Area Covered	Current Provision Questions	Comments	Who's responsible	Areas To Develop	Resources Required
Singing	 What singing happens in the school day? 	Assembly, EYFS, through curriculum, services	Subject leaders	Cross curricular links	Access to curriculum linked music
	 How are they accompanied? (Piano, backing tracks) 	Backing tracks, guitar			
	Are choirs offered?	Yes – alongside young voices	SR	Ongoing choir	Willing staff member
	• Can all children access choirs?	No	SR	Ongoing choir	Willing staff member
	Who leads them?	Teachers	SR		
	 Performance opportunities in-school and out? 	Services, young voices, end of year performance, nativity, special events	All staff		
Ensembles	 What ensembles are available to children? 	None	Names of all involved	Pointer - Any ensembles we can develop? Research	Pointer- What do we need to develop the ensembles?
	Who leads them?	N/A			
	 Are all children able to access them? 	N/A			
	Performance opportunities in-school and out?	N/A			

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Instrumental Tuition	 Instruments (including voice) taught in school? 	Parents can choose for children to have music lessons within school time.	Names and lead	Pointer - Areas of development/concern	Pointer- What do we need to put in place to deal with the areas of development/concern?
	Who teaches them?	Music Hub			
	 On what contracts are teachers engaged? 	Through the local authority.			
	 If private, how is safeguarding training delivered? 	N/A			
	Do you track take up by gender, KS, FSM, LAC?	We do not formally currently track this due to small cohorts of pupils.	SR	To track children take up.	
	How do you track progress?	North Yorkshire track progress and informal discussions with staff.			
	How is tuition promoted?	Shared with parents via bulletins and assemblies to pupils.			
	 What remissions are in place to support those from financially challenged backgrounds? 	Children with FSM are offered free music tuition and LAC pupils complete through allocated funding.			

Leadership

Area Covered	Current Provision Questions	Comments	Who is responsible	Areas to develop	Resources Required
Governing body	Is there a Lead Governor for Music?	Yes	AL	Pointer - Is a Governor required? If already in place but unclear as to role, how can this be improved?	How can this be achieved? Name a governor
	How do they work with the staff?	Discussions with SLT about the music curriculum have taken place.		To continue to work alongside the governor to develop music further.	
	support/champion music?	Supportive governors with keen interest in developing music within our schools.			Funding
Senior Leadership Team	 How SLT project the place/role of Music in school? 	SLT have encouraged teachers to share their love of music with children during assemblies by playing instruments.			
	How is music championed?	Through the curriculum, enhancements and role-models.			
	How does music fit in to the overall school ethos?	One of our curriculum enhancers is to develop pupils creativity.			
	How does the leadership team support staff to	Giving music Lead time out of class to move teaching and learning	SR	Develop subject knowledge to inform long	Cover staff CPD courses National college

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	deliver the music curriculum?	forward. Attending CPD opportunities		term planning and widen opportunities for pupils	
Subject leadership	Who is subject lead?	Sarah Richmond			
	 How do they support non- specialist staff (if primary)? 	Exploring CPD opportunities and emailing to staff.	SR	To develop staffs subject knowledge.	CPD websites National college
	 How do they/you communicate with the music hub? 	Access website/email when required. Headteacher network meetings.			
	 How does the lead/department head fit into the overall leadership structure? 	Subject leader and class teacher			

Budget

Area Covered	Current Provision	Who is responsible	Area for Development	Resources
Budget for Music	Annual capitation?	N/A	Pointer - Are we maximising our income generation potential?	Pointer In order to
				generate more
				income what

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				resources do we need?
	 Income generation e.g. concerts, donations 	N/A		
	Remissions offered to pupils?	N/A		
	 Who monitors budget and decides where it is spent? 	N/A		
	 Long term projects/spends/investment? 	N/A		

Partnerships

Area Covered	Current Provision Questions	Comments	Who is responsible	Areas for Development	Resources
Partnerships with schools	Participation in local networks (e.g. primary music network or Academy chains)	Currently no networks available	Leads at each school	Subject lead to explore links with local schools to create a music working group to share good practice	Emails
	Schools you work with on any aspect of music	Currently no links	Leads at each school	Subject lead to explore links with local schools to create a music working group to share good practice	Emails
	What you do together	N/A			
	What you and your school gain	N/A			

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	What you contribute	N/A			
Partnership or relationship with local music service or Music	 Relationship you have with the music service (if engaged at your school) Have you worked with 	Music service uptake from children. Local bands visit school to		Pointer - If not engaged at all, would you want to develop a partnership? If engaged, how could a	
Education Hub	other hub partners?	encourage children to join.		partnership be improved?	
	 Awareness of hub website and support? 	Shared through headteacher networks and then shared with parents.			
	 Concerts you have taken part in organised by the hub? 	Not aware of any organised.			
	 Demonstrations delivered by the hub? 	Demonstration delivered in assembly.			
Cultural partners for music	 Partners you work with (e.g. musicians, groups, music charities, national organisations) 	Musician- governor			
	 What they do and the value they bring 	Discussions around developing the music curriculum.			
	How activity is funded	N/A			

Accommodation and resources

Area Covered	Current Provision Questions	Comments	Who is responsible	Areas for Development	Resources
Spaces for Music	Where Music is taught (specialist classroom, in class)	In classrooms and libraries.	Class teachers	N/A	Classroom spaces
	Where choirs/ensembles take place (hall, classrooms)	Classrooms and libraries (no hall at Foston and Terrington) with limited space.			
	 Where instrumental/vocal tuition happens (practice rooms, dedicated space, library, corridors) 	Library, corridor, staffroom, hall (Langton).			
Resources available for Music	Tuned/untuned percussion?Keyboards?	Tuned instruments and untuned instruments. Keyboard, glockenspiel and percussion instruments			
	 Other hireable instruments? 	N/A			
	 Instruments hired from a partner? 	Through music service			
	Resources that the school borrows at no cost, e.g. from the music service or Hub	Music service			

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	Books, references, printed music, subscriptions etc	No – this would be an area for development	Music Lead - SR		

Inclusion

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Overview	How is the curriculum made accessible for pupils with SEND?	SEND pupils are considered when completing the long-term planning and half termly planning, SEND is included on the planning to ensure it is accessible for all pupils.	Music lead and teacher planning music	a)	Long term plan Half termly planning
	How the music studied takes account of sensibilities of all sections of the school community?	The music curriculum is cross curricular and links to the curriculum enhancers of: diversity, inclusivity, community and creativity.	Music lead	Continue to embed across all curricular areas where appropriate	Long term plan
	Whether songs are sung in	Songs chosen have	Music lead	Continue the development	Long term plan
	languages spoken by	been mapped		of songs in different	Internet research

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	families in the school community?	across the genres, year groups and topics to ensure different languages are included. We considered all of our families and have 'Christmas around the world' where we sing songs from across the world		languages to be integrated within the curriculum	
	 Whether tuition is offered in non-Western instruments and genres? 	Through the music hub.			
	How are learners exposed to music from cultures other than their own and/or not represented in the school?	Songs chosen have been mapped across the genres, year groups and topics to ensure different languages are included. Our topics planned and taught encompass a range of cultures including and different to the pupils in our schools	Music lead	Continue the development the long term plan with opportunities of culture within the music curriculum	Long term plan Internet research

Area Covered	Whether interventions for other subjects routinely take place during Music lessons i.e. children taken out of music lessons for catch up sessions	Interventions are rotated weekly, so pupils do not miss the same lessons	Who is responsible Class teachers/intervention workers	Areas for Development	Resources
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities	 How the needs of children with SEND are assessed to enable them to participate in music-making? What adjustments are made 	SEND on planning and class teachers to personalise shared planning to meet needs of the class. Teachers make the	Subject lead – planning / monitoring Class teachers Subject lead –		
	 for children with SEND Any partners you work with for this (Music Hub, OHMI) 	lessons accessible with additional adults, differentiated resources	planning / monitoring Class teachers		
Religion	How families' religious beliefs and wishes are met in respect of Music	Through our curriculum enhancers of diversity, religious beliefs are represented across a range of religions	Subject lead – planning / monitoring Class teachers	Subject lead to continue to update music curriculum	Long term plan

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Financial hardship	 Remissions policies for extension and enrichment activities (such as concert trips, Young Voices etc) 	We have a policy which encompasses these	SLT		
	Remissions policy for choirs, ensembles and instrumental/vocal tuition	N/A			
	How Pupil Premium is used for Music	We allocate pupil premium for after school provision to give pupils music opportunities	Head of school and Executive headteacher	Explore extra grants for pupil premium within music curriculum	

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Action Identified	Date to be Achieved	Who is monitoring	Outcome
To explore opportunities for	31/12/2024	SM/IT/Parent	Explored the Richard Shepard foundation
specialist music tuition to cover the national curriculum for music for all pupils.		Governor	and had sample sessions. Due to financial constraints, we were not able to continue with this and continue to explore further opportunities.
Explore CPD opportunities for staff to develop their subject knowledge	05/04/2025	SR – subject lead	Music visits from outside organisations arranged across the schools
To audit music resources across the federation and collaboration.	31/07/2025	SR – subject lead	Audit taken place
To explore opportunities for pupils to experience musical genres live.	31/07/2025	SR – subject lead	Area to be carried forward into the next academic year.
To develop extra-curricular opportunities for music.	31/07/2025	IT/KS	NYC contacted to discuss opportunities. Some interest across the four schools and pupils have weekly sessions.

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To action results of the	Autumn 25	SLT	
music audit resources across			
the federation and			
collaboration.			
To develop music	Summer 26	SLT	
curriculum and look to buy a			
scheme supported by			
governor.			
To continue to promote music services with families	Autumn 25	SLT	
and increase engagement			
levels.			
To track take up by gender,	Spring 26	SLT	
KS, FSM, LAC.			
To explore funding and grant	Summer 26	SLT	
options to support music			
development.			